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Forecasting the impact of not just the flu, but other infectious—and preventable—diseases such as HIV and measles could allow public health workers to focus on mitigation strategies and potentially save millions of lives around the world.

That's why, at Los Alamos National Laboratory, we use mathematics, computer science, statistics and information about how disease develops and spreads to forecast the flu season and even next week's sickness trends.

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